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In accordance with Applicant's continued duty of disclosure, the following documents are brought to the Examiner's attention:

- (1) GB Patent No. 1 362 513;
- (2) US Patent No. 3,824,777;
- (3) EP Patent No. 1 172 476;
- (4) US Patent No. 3,737,262;
- (5) DE Patent No. 2 257 938;
- (6) DE Patent No. 54 59 37; and
- (7) CA Patent No. 1,305,597.

A listing on Form PTO-1449 is enclosed along with a copy of the non-U.S. documents.

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Respectfully submitted,
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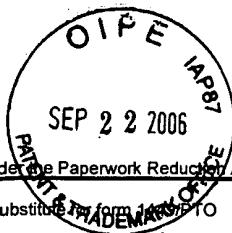
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